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PREPARING FOR SUMMER

is to eliminate the fly and the mosquito. When we are exercising our serious attention.

The first spring fly, of course flect that the little insect is keeping be imagined. carefully out of our sight and the a few myriads of eggs, which presently will hatch out into a whole flying regiment of nuisances and discase carriers.

rives she hopes to have a whole to the attack.

swatter and the kerosene can are fully as important household implements at this season as the broom and the scrubbing brush.

INVENTING WAR NEWS.

The circumstances in mich the campaign in Mexico must be conthe business of manufacturing war to Huerta; and Huerta being assured ducted, lend themselves especially to making news mountains out of fact molehills. Moreover, the correspondents, if they were never too desirous complicating conditions is to his adtect themselves and their public portunity quite to his liking. more or less seriously, for a few hours at least.

ness of the public.

r the international situation, might ever. well be given some official attention. Well-intentioned newspapers that want to give the news and all the ews have the keenest concern in behalf of guarantees that liars shall e discouraged.

HEALTH OF OUR SOL-

frightful toll than the enemy's arms. sured, and why it should. In that school of dreadful experience

tropic warfare. speak the truth, has become one of property is not insured. and surgeons of standing in almost the risk of "carrying" his own insurevery city in the country. These ance.

which the army and navy have re- policy-holders are the people of the raw swindling.

sponded to the call of their country District; those who pay the taxes, and the efficiency with which the own the property, and are responsinavy's landing parties have done ble.

MEDIATION IN MEXICO.

There is nothing in any of the official expressions concerning the prime objects of a spring clean-up hopes of important results. Certainly there is nothing more hopeful while to give these twin winged pests ognized Huerta shall mediate in a matter involving Huerta, his enemics at home, and another power that still pleasantly modest and retiring. has not recognized him! A greater It is not reassuring, however, to re- diplomatic incongruity could hardly ing power. The taxpayer must pay

The possibility-and it is a probreach of our swatters while she lays ability rather than a possibilitythat before mediation has been started the United States will have further to employ force in Mexico, is The shy and unobtrusive mosquito duly noted in the State Department's ally, do not insure their propis making the best use of her time acceptance of the mediation offer. for the same purpose. When the More than that, it is as plain as anyopen season on human beings ar- thing can be that this Government army corps of her progeny to lead can accept nothing short of a decision that eliminates Huerta, and Now is the time to get busy if we that Huerta will enter no arrangewant to preserve ourselves from the ment in which that is a sine qua non. pests a few months hence. The It appears then that we have merely provided Huerta with another opportunity to flout this Government.

It is of the essence of mediation, ure of advantage shall accrue to all this case; there can be no advantage news for political and diplomatic of this in advance, it is not to be purposes. The long frontier between thought that he will take chances on lined by enterprising correspondents being an ungoverned and ungovernwho have had long experience in able outlaw in the realm of international relations, every opportunity of

against manufactured and bogus in- Is there reason to hope that Car- creased from 12,000 to half a million. formation. When the Huerta people ranza can take a more friendly view Among the mercantile establishin Mexico City put out such stories of mediation than does Huerta? Me- ments, now numbering over 100, as that federal forces have crossed diation's best outcome being in the many have substantial monopoly of the Rio Grande and taken Browns- nature of compromise, can the Car- the trade in their regions, including ville, Tex., it is all right for Ameri- ranza party compromise? Will it, dry goods, boots and shoes, and cans to smile amusedly; but that not prefer to go ahead and take its clothing, along with groceries and preposterous yarn gets cabled to a chances? A compromise would hardware. The grain-handling busileading London newspaper and taken have to mean something like the ad ness of the State is fast being taken interim presidency of de la Barra, over by these concerns. Almost 200 at the close of the Madero revolu- charters for farmers' co-operative Two days ago somebody in Wash- tion, and the constitutionalists will elevator companies have been issued ington started the story that a bat- be indisposed to risk another experi- within the last half-year. Mutual tleship of our fleet at Vera Cruz had ence like that. The Madero regime telephone lines pioneered the way to teen blown up as the Maine was at was undermined while de la Barra the wide range of enterprises now Havana. The story was traceable to was Provisional President, and the handled in this way. In the early no source; it was not taken seriously Carranzista-Villa people know it. years the farming communities and by people in touch with responsible They know that another ad interim small towns could get no telephone sources of information. Yet, be- regime, initiated by a compromise service save by providing it themcause it started in Washington, it now, would almost certainly produce selves, and this they did. Now every was sent all over the country as one that same result again. It would county has its mutual telephone of the unconfirmed reports, which destroy the fruits of the present business, and most of them have also might or might not later prove true; revolution; and so on indefinitely. their county mutual insurance conbut which was perfectly certain, There is no room for compromise, cerns, which handle a large share of meantime, to increase the restive- and it is impossible to see how me- the farm fire insurance at very low diation can possibly bring results. rates and to the excellent satisfac-The manufacture and circulation It is far more likely to bring delays tion of the people. The co-operative of false reports, with deliberate and complexities, enmeshing the sit- concerns are fast reaching out to a purpose of affecting the public mind vation in greater difficulties than wider range of activities in market-

INSURING SCHOOLBUILD-INGS.

Following the burning of the Western High School building, the fact developed that the District does not insure its public buildings. In munity is startled to discover how fact, there is a law of Congress-prevalent dishonesty is among dealand a sensible and proper one it is- ers in foodstuffs. A few years ago There will be no repetition in the forbidding their insurance. But some an investigation started by Chicago Mexican campaign of those criminal people have taken a mistaken and women set out to find how many stupidities that transformed the narrow view, and assumed that it scales and measures were crooked. amps of our soldiers in the Spanish- is a mistake to leave such property It was not long before it began to American war into field hospitals, uninsured. Perhaps it is worth look as if the hunt were to find some where disease stalked almost un- while, then, to explain why public honest scales and measures. challenged and death exacted a more property almost always goes unin-

and in Cubs, the Philippines, and \$20,000. It is his entire capital. He fish, and eels and flounders at so Panama we learned something of wants to borrow money at the bank. much a foot, and figuring prices for how to combat the real scourge of The banker, knowing the property their customers with the aid of a is good security and the man honest, yardstick. Our army medical corps, if reports asks about insurance. No, the

the most efficient in the world. Its It must be insured before the campaigns are laid out in advance merchant's credit is made good. The with the same attention to detail and business man must insure to protect the same provision for emergencies his credit, and also to protect himthat mark the plans of the general self against utter disaster in case of staff for the active conduct of offen- fire. The home owner, the farmer, weights in the market. Out of 600 sive operations. In the medical re- everybody else, must insure for like serve are commissioned physicians reasons; nobody can afford to take uring inspected only about a dozen

men are liable to be called on for Insurance is a thoroughly socialisduty. The old scandal, which com- tic arrangement by which the propmitted the health and the lives of erty of the community as a whole brave soldiers to the careless ignor- stands benind each individual and is ance of callow incompetents, will not pledged to make good the ine repeated. Last year, among all dividual's loss. In the case of a way for officials to stop such prache Federal troops in camp in Texas, great fire insurance company, the tices. In communities where it is there was not one case of typhoid. "community" of mutual guarantors sure that there is such watchful care This is but a symptom of our gen- are the policy-holders and premium- there is probably very little actual cral preparedness that has been ex- payers of the concern. In the case cheating; where there is less or no

their day's work. It is a symptom The District, in short, is a highly of the highest moment, however, for organized co-operative scheme. It is all modern wars have exemplified the richer than any insurance company; prime importance of wisely adequate it is just as able to "carry" its own medical direction. . The medical insurance as any corporation could corps, which certainly did not shine possibly be. If a school house burns, in 1898, will have opportunity for the District is able to rebuild it, because all the people are part of the co-operative insurance arrangement, and the burden is distributed to all

But it is not merely the fact that the District's own community wealth project of Latin-American mediation is better guarantee of security than Let us bear in mind that one of the in Mexico to afford ground for high the assets of any insurance company. That is only one detail. In the United States as a whole, the cost of managing fire insurance is so muscles and our ingenuity ridding in the public's view of this newest great that the public has to pay our dwellings and neighborhoods of development. In brief, it is proposed many millions annually, in premdust and filth, it will be worth our that three powers that have not rec- iums, in excess of the returns it receives on losses Therefore, it is a waste to insure

public property. The best security in the world is behind public property-the Government and the taxthe premiums, if his property is insured; why should he not prefer to pay the losses direct, which he is perfectly able to do, and save the difference between the premiums and the indemnity? States, cities, the nation gener-

erty, and this is the reason. The District of Columbia does not for the same reason. There is no possible reason why they should carry insurance, and every reason of sound business why they should not.

SPREAD OF CO-OPERA-

The growth of co-operative business enterprise in Kansas has been attracting much attention recently. that, if it is successful, some meas- Not many years ago, efforts at co- Mrs. Wilson, Famed for Japanoperation in buying and marketing parties concerned. That essential is merchandise were looked upon as absent from any possible result in impractical proposals of the populistic imagination; nowadays the Government is straining every effort to encourage and increase such methods. Kansas was one of the earliest communities to go in for such meththe United States and Mexico is the proceeding. At the same time, cds, and therefore has given one of the best demonstrations of results. Some of the co-operative stores

are a quarter-century old, but in the last two or three years there has been a great spread of the system. of maintaining a conservative atti- vantage. The newest development It is said that in that period the tued toward affairs, could not pro- seems sure to provide one more op- number of people in the State served by these establishments has ining farm produce, undertaking, and to a remarkable extent accomplishing, in some localities, the climination of the middlemen.

CODFISH BY THE YARD.

Every once in a while some com-

Philadelphia has had an operabouffe episode of fishmongers selling A man has a hardware store worth shad and herring and mackerel. cod-

Yardstick measure had to be resorted to after the inspectors of weights and measures had raided a curb market.

The dealers adopted that odd but legal expedient after the inspectors had taken nearly all the scales and implements for weighing and measwere found to be correct. False bottoms in measures, cast-iron weights scooped out underneath, automatic scales that had been "doctored" were confiscated on every side.

Being on the job all the time and with vigilance seems to be the only emplified in the promptness with of the District of Columbia, the care there is probably a good deal of

Flower Gardens, Tended With Own Hands, Are Pride of Women in Capital's Society Set



MRS. ALBERT S. BURLESON.

MRS. THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

spring blossoms-tulips, hyacinths,

summer flowers. Mrs. Marshall ad-

mired the spring blossoms, but she thinks they are a little stiff. The

thinks they are a little stiff. The summer flowers always have been

her favorites.

Another member of the official

Another member of the official family who admits that she really was meant for a farmer's wife, is Mrs. Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy. Mrs. Daniels dearly loves her garden and of all she loves to grow sweet peas better than anything else. Mrs. Daniels already has made plans for her favorites at Single Oak and she hopes to have

Mrs. Daniels Fond of Ferns.

Ferns, too, find especial favor in

Mrs. Daniels' eye. "My ferns always

have been my pride," says Mrs. Dantels, "and down home, where I had

a large place, I had wonderful luck

There is something about growing

ferns which is particularly fascinat-

ing, for most women who love to

garden take greater delight in their

ferns than in anything else.

Mrs. Swanson, wife of Senator
Claude A. Swanson of Virginia, is
renowned for her gardens. Her en-

deavors do not stop with her flow-

ers, for the Swanson tobacco fields are famous. Mrs. Swanson takes complete charge of the management

of these fields, which surround the beautiful home of Senator and Mrs. Swanson in Virginia. Mrs. Burleson, wife of the Post-master General, loves flowers and

takes the greatest pleasure in grow-ing them. "I love them all so well

that it would be hard to say which is my favorite," said Mrs. Burleson.

"But I think lilacs are the sweetest."
The garden at the Burleson home in
Texas is a splendid affair, and is the

result of the work of Mrs. Burleson. The house which the Postmaster General and his family are occupying in

Netherlands legation, with a very beautiful garden, which was laid, out by Mme. Loudon, wife of the former

minister. Mrs. Burleson has added

an early spring bed of tulips and

almost any bright day of the early

spring wearing old clothes, a sun-bonnet and gloves, using a rake or

spends much time in her Bar Harbor

Mrs. John Henderson can be seen

to splendid advantage in her beautiful gardens at Boundary Cas-tle, and later in the summer she

now was the

near Washington.

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MRS. HENRY T. RAINEY.

MRS. JAMES R. MANN.

violets at the Knox country place at Valley Forge, Pa. Mrs. Knox ob-tained the plants from Italy, and the large white violets are a wonder

Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, wife of

the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, during the same Administration, could be seen almost any morning

in the early spring wearing a ging-ham sunbonnet and old gloves, using a trowel, rake or hoe, as she aided

and abetted nature in producing one of the most beautiful gardens in

Washington.
Mrs. John W. Kern, wife of the
Senator from Indiana, is developing
from a gardener into a horticulturist.

most attractive of homes. Not only

the landscape gardening, but she is

now busily engaged in overseeing

Just as soon as signs of spring

begin to appear, the call of the wild is an all too potent charm for Mrs. I. T. Mann, who packs off to "Bram-

well, in Mercer county, W. Va. Mrs.

Mann takes a greater delight and pride in her lily bed, probably, than

any other of her many floral tri-

umphs. The illies surround the little tea house, which is covered with a

Every known variety of lilies lourishes in this garden, beginning

Mrs. Mann takes great pride grows

o be as tall as a man.
Mrs. Dent, wife of Congressman
i. Hubert Dent, jr., of Alabama, is
nother nature enthusiast. Mrs.

Dent's efforts are not only confined

to her flower garden, which she always has taken care of herself when able to be in her home in Montgomery, but includes her veg-

Mrs. Rufus Hardy, Mrs. Dent takes

aris. Rufus Hardy, Airs. Dent takes delight in growing ferns and palms. Another feature of her garden in which she takes pride is her wistaria arbor. Long before a leaf has made its appearance, the clusters of fragrant flowers are a mass of manye color.

f mauve color. Mrs. James R. Mann, wife of the

fects her husband's hobby for flow-ers. Mr. Mann has made many interesting and valuable experiments

in his famous flower beds near Chi-

one variety of lily in which

Her

Illinois, rather re-

her favorites, begin

with the early May ones, and

soming continuously until

makes them

etable garden also.

pink clematis vine.

has Mrs. Kern been the architect directed the interior decorating an

year it has been said that a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Be that as it may, one would not dare to say aught to the con-trary; but one thing is certain that a woman's fancy turns to thoughts of her garden. At least, Washington society women—both old and young— are now more concerned with plans for rose gardens, iris beds, poppy plants, and the like, than in affairs de coeur.

planning for their gardens in Washplanning for their gardens in Washington are arranging to make a
speedy departure for their various
coutry places and summer homes in
order that their beloved gardens will
not suffer for attention.

Beginning with the First Lady of
the Land, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson,
and going through the various circles
of Washington society, we find any
number of well-known women who

are expert gardeners. They do not like to make plans for a garden and stand by and see others do the work, but they like to don a great, big apron, gloves, and a sun bonnet and get down upon their knees close to mother earth and dig, and plant and weed their own gardens. Mrs. Wilson is considered a very

Mrs. Wilson is considered a very expert landscape gardener. The Princeton home of the President and Mrs. Wilson is famous for the beautiful garden, which was laid out and planned by Mrs. Wilson. The bed of Japanese Iris, pictures of which probably have gone from one end of the country to the other, is the result of years of work on the part of Mrs. Wilson. She sent to part of Mrs. Wilson. She sent to Japan for the bulbs, and spent many seasons experimenting, to get the desired shades. The flowers are ar-ranged so that they shade from deepest purple to paiest mauve and to white.

Watches White House Gardens. Mrs. Wilson also takes a deep interest in the Whiote House gardens, which never have been more beautiful than this spring. Mrs. Taft,

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS. the former occupant of the White House, was interested in gardening and much of the planning of the Speedway was done under her direc-

Mrs. Marshall, wife of the Vice President, is another woman who would "rather garden than anything else." When Mrs. Marshall lived in show places of Columbia City and she spent the best part of every morning and many an afternoon digging in it. In fact, not until an attack of rheumatism was brought on from weeding during a damp rainy spell, did Mrs. Marshall give up the actual labor of gardenins.

Of all flowers, Mrs. Marshall would rather grow popples and old-fashloned cornflowers. She loves the popples and cornflowers. She loves the popples and cornflowers. Her gar-den was so arranged that the early

Kern Turns Her Attention to

The gardens at "Walnut Hall." Henry T. Rainey, at Carrolton, Ill., are wonderful. For the last in Congress, Mrs. Rainey has spent the winter months in Washi but just as soon as spring

being installed, which interest. Mrs. Rainey cares most for old-fashioned flowers and trees. Every care is given the trees from which the place gets its name. While Miss Martha Codman prob-

ably has never done much of her gardening personally, she has directed all the work done at her places, both in Washington and at Newport. Each year she gives & series of spring team parties, which are usually held out of doors. Mrs. Edwin F. Sweet, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, not

only likes to be a gardener, but she has the facultry of making things grow. Anything she plants flour-ishes. Mrs. Sweet was closely con-nected with the inauguration of pub-lic school flower gardens in Michi-gan, and has been called upon frequently to act as judge at various flower shows both in her home State and in Washington. Mrs. Sweet's garden in Grand Rapids abounded in

garden in Grang Rapids abounded in all the old-fashioned flowers.

Mrs. Francis G. Newlands, wife of the Senator from Nevada, directs her gardener personally and she spends a part of each day going through her garden and arranging many details in order that the gar-den be exactly as she desires. Mrs. Richard Townsend, Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mrs. C. C. Glover, and Mrs. Lodge are a few other of Washington's most prominent women who take a personal interest in the planning of their gardens.

Postmaster Praeger is standing pat on his plans for discharging six or eight aged employes of the City Postoffice, although the Grand Army of the Republic, through local officers, has carried the case to the Postmaster Gen-

Dr. J. K. P. Gleeson, department commander of the G. A. R. for the District of Columbia, will have a conference tomorrow morning with Postmaster General Burleson. Yesterday he talked with First Assistant Postmaster General Roper, who assured him that the matter would receive careful consideration. The position taken by Postmaster Praeger is that his force is limited, that and that there must be the high ciency if prompt mail delivery and dis-patch is to be made possible. The vete-rans he has slated for dismissal, he

says, are incapable of doing the work required of them.

The Grand Army officials, however point to an act passed in 1912 which provides that "in the event of reductions being made in the force in any of the Executive Departments, no honorably discharged soldier or sailor whose record in said department is rated good shall be discharged, or dropped, or reduced in rank or salary."

It is this provision of the law giving preference to veterans which will be brought to Mr. Eurleson's attention. Fostmaster Praeger denies that there will be any "shake-up" in the City Postoffice. There will be only six or eight dismissals out of a force of more than 1,000. There will be some demo-tions, he declares, when the investiga-tion of the efficiency records of the em-

Evening Services in the Churches

"THE WAR AND THE GENIUS OF PATRIOTISM"._The Rev. Dr. James Shera Montgomery, Metropolitan M. E. Church, John Marshall Place and

"WITH JESUS"... The Rev. John T. Ensor, Calvary M. E. Church, Columbia. road near Fourteenth street northwest, 8 p. m.

M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets northwest, 8 p. m. GEN. WILLIAM BOOTH, FRIEND OF SINNERS"-The Rev. Dr. Jay T.

"CONSTRUCTIVE WELFARE AND VICE REPRESSION"-The Rev. H. N.

TF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE?"-The Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Vincent, Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, Columbia road near Fourteenth street

THE SIN OF THE PEOPLE AND OF MOSES" - The Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue and N

AUTHORIZED OR JUSTIFIED"-The Rev. Dr. C. E. Granger, Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourteenth and R streets north-

THE SALT OF THE EARTH"-The Rev. J. Harvey Dunham, Western Presbyterian Church, H street near Nineteenth street northwest, 8 p. m. "THE RECOVERY OF WASTE"-H. H. Seldomridge, Westminster Merocial

Church, Thirty-first and P streets northwest, 8 p. m. 'SOLDIERS' SHOES"-The Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir, Temple Baptist Church,

Tenth nad N streets north vest, 7:45 p. m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, 7:45 p. m. A WASHINGTON LOVE STORY THAT WENT WEST"_The Rev. E. Hez Swem, Centennial Baptist Church, Eighth and I streets northeast, 8 p. m. THE AMERICAN HOME"_The Rev. B. D. Gaw, West Washington Bap-

MODERN METHODS IN TEMPERANCE REFORM"-Jesse C. Suter, Universalist Church of Our Fatter, Thirteenth and L streets northwest, &

C street northwest, 8 p. m.

"STAFF CAPTAIN CAMPBELL"-The Rev. Dr. Lucius C. Clark, Hamline

Stocking, First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets northwest,

Pringle, Ingram Memorial M. E. Church, Tenth street and Massachusetts

street northwest, 8 p. m.

west, 8 p. m.

Presbyterian Church, Seventh street southwest, 7:45 p. m.

"OTHERS"-The Rev. Dr. James T. Marshall, West Street Presbyterian

"CONVENIENT SEASONS"-The Rev. W. F. Johnson, Grace Baptist Church, Ninth and D streets southeast, 7:45 p. m. WHEN FATHER IS KING IN HIS HOME"-The Rev. John Compton Ball,

tist Church, Thirty-first and N streets northwest, 7:45 p. m.

Mrs. Knox Diligent Gardener. Mrs. Knox, wife of the Secretary of State during the Taft regime, is an inveterate gardener. Very few things econd to the interest Mrs.